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SUBJECT: PROPOSED GAO TEAM VISIT FROM BANGKOK

DEPARTMENT FOR BF/OAG

REF: MR. LYONS' LETTER OF JANUARY 3 TO AMBASSADOR DEAN

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR TO MR. F. LYONS: WITH RESPECT TO YOUR PLANS TO BEGIN WORK IN CAMBODIA ON AMMUNITION ASSISTANCE WITH A SIX-MAN TEAM BEGINNING JANUARY 20, I CAN ASSURE YOU OF THE WISH OF THIS MISSION TO OFFER OUR COMPLETE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION IN CAMBODIA RESULTING FROM THE ENEMY'S DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE, WHICH IS NOW IN FULL SWING, I MUST POINT OUT THAT ALL OF OUR MILITARY STAFF IS SO PREOCCUPIED WITH DAILY OPERATIONAL MATTERS IN THE AMMUNITION FIELD, THAT IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO SPARE ANY OF OUR OWN PERSONNEL TO WORK WITH YOU AT THAT TIME. KHMER MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ARE SIMILARLY OCCUPIED. I REQUEST THAT YOU REOPEN THE QUESTION WITH THIS MISSION ABOUT JANUARY 17, AND WE WILL GIVE YOU AN UPDATE READING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF BOTH AMERICAN AND KHMER PERSONNEL TO HELP IN YOUR INQUIRY. WARM REGARDS. JOHN GUNTHER DEAN.

DEAN

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